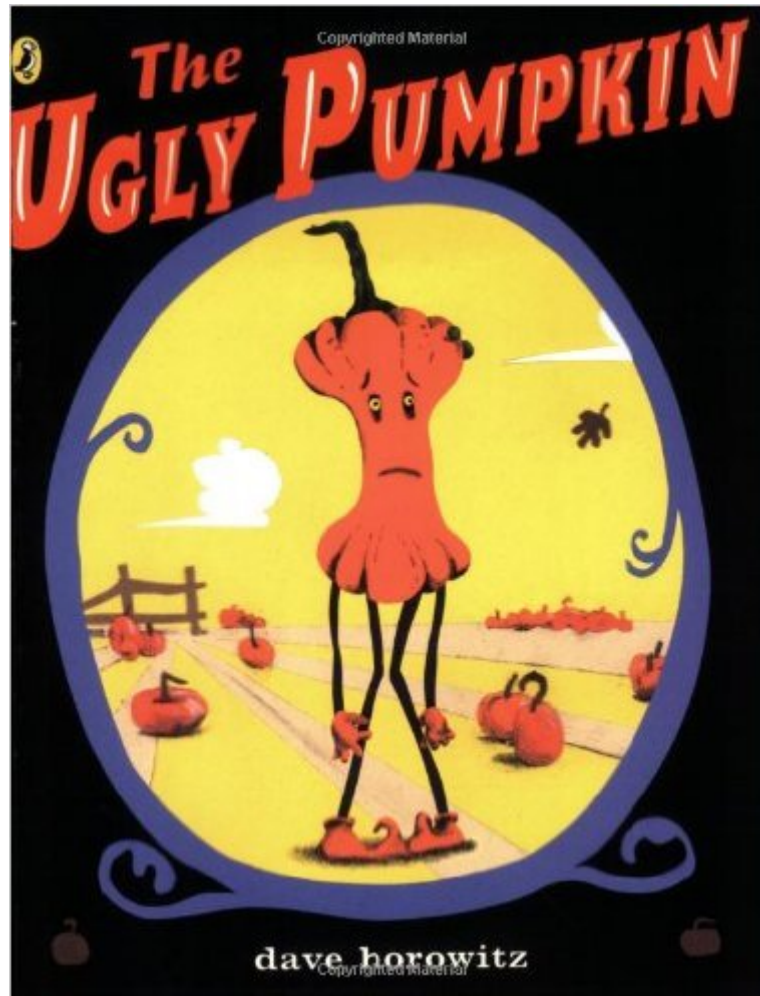


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# The Ugly Pumpkin



## Synopsis

In time for Thanksgiving, a wacky twist on The Ugly Duckling. The Ugly Pumpkin has waited all through October for someone to take him home, but no one wants him. He doesn't look like other pumpkins. So the lonely Ugly Pumpkin leaves the patch in search of a place where he'll fit in. By the time Thanksgiving arrives, he discovers the truth about who he is?but it's not what he expected!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This book is our Halloween reading material tradition. It's a fun book to read aloud because the rhyme scheme is so good. My only complaint is that there is one subject/verb agreement error on the first page, but I just correct it when I read it aloud and say "None IS quite like me." It's a great way to talk about how being different is ok. Keep looking for friends that make you feel like you belong.

This book is fantastic. It has great lead-ins for character education. It is also great for discussing fitting in and trying to be something that you're not to do so. If you're a squash, then by gosh, be a squash.

My then three-year-old son got the paperback version of this one last year for Thanksgiving and

we've since read it so many times that it's falling apart, so he's getting this hardback version this year. The story of "an ugly pumpkin" there is a definite message about popularity (and the hazing that comes with rejection) and the patience it takes to find your own place in the world. But none of the ideas are stated overtly, or drawn with a heavy hand. It's a fun, funny and charming tale that has become a classic in our house. Cleverly written, and drawn, my son has this one memorized, though he still likes us to read it together. Wonderful children's book that I highly recommend!

I am using this book for my third grade class and they love it! It is essentially the classic ugly duckling book with a holiday twist and leads to a lot of productive discussion in class. The way this version of the classic tale is written makes it a very fun read. The words become part of the image, the image becomes part of the words, and the kids have a lot of fun reading all of it out loud. The voice of the pumpkin definitely comes through in the unique narrative style. It's true that the pumpkin has no desire to be a jack-o-lantern, as a previous reviewer pointed out, but somehow this wasn't a problem to the kids or me. Why would they only like the book if the pumpkin were masochistic and wanted to be cut up? That one is a head scratcher for me. The only reason I give the book 4 stars rather than 5 is that the story is a bit simplistic, but so are most ugly duckling books written for young children. I definitely recommend this one for anyone looking for a book children will enjoy both reading on their own and being read to.

It isn't often that I find a book that I am as enthused to read to my three-year-old son as he is to have it read to him. This is one of them. I picked it up at a local bookstore and from the first page, I was just delighted by the style of the art and the flow of the narrative. It is a simple story, but a classic one and I think it is a fantastic read for young kids. Definitely recommended.

A great story which is a take off on the "Ugly Duckling," but a fall story, too. Great book to see if the children will compare the two stories. Someone may think of that, especially if you have recently read or listened to "The Ugly Duckling." I like the personification used in the story.

My daughter borrowed this from the school library and after reading it 4 or 5 times in a row we bought a copy. It seems like a Halloween book but it's really Thanksgiving. The pictures are bright and colorful, the rhymes are fun to read and the "Oh my Gosh, I'm a Squash!" is now a favorite quote in our house! Highly recommend this book!

All three of us love this book--our little girl thinks it is funny and the illustrations really hold her attention, as so the sing-song rhyme scheme which is present throughout the book. This is definitely one of the cutest/funniest takes on The Ugly Duckling I've ever seen. Also great for kids who like Halloween themed books.

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